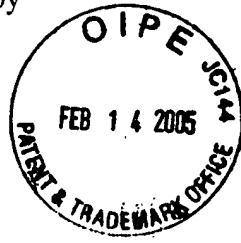


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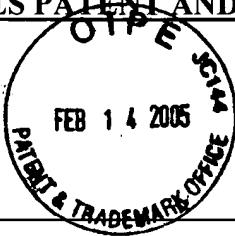
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Applicant has reviewed the Office Action mailed on January 4, 2005. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows and reconsider all pending claims in view of the remarks contained herein.